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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FOR UPDATING THE
ASIAN AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

SUMMARYC ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSES $32,000 GRANT CHARGED
TO QUOTE SERVICES TO MEMBER COUNTRIES UNQUOTE TO FINANCE
FOREX COST OF CONVENING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
TO DETERMINE MEHTODOLOGY AND DETAILED TERMS OF
REFERENCE OF PROPOSED UPDATE OF ADB-FINANCED ASIAN AGRI-
CULTURAL SURVEY (PUBLISHED 1969). PROPOSED NEW SURVEY
WOULD FOCUS ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, INSTITUTIONAL
CONSTRAINTS, INTERSECTORAL LINKAGES, AND ASSESSMENT
OF GREEN REVOLUTION TECHNOLOGY IMPACT ON REGIONAL
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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. USADB RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE

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NAC ACTION.

1. ADB DOC. R77-75 DESCRIVING PROPOSED GRANT POUCHED ADDRESSEES AUGUST 14. BOARD CONSIDERATION SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 11.

2. ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSING $32,000 GRANT CHARGEABLE TO BANK'S QUOTE SERVICES TO MEMBER COUNTRIES UNQUOTE ACCOUNT. PROCEEDS WILL FINANCE FOREX COST OF CONVENING IN MANILA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF 8 TO 10 INTER-NATIONALLY KNOWN EXPERTS TO ADVISE BANK ON METHODOLOGY AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF UPDATING BANK'S 1968-69 ASIAN AGRICULTURAL SURVEY, FOCUSING ON AG AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND CONSTRAINTS, ESPECIALLY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL FACTORSV LINKAGES BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER SECTORS; PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF GREEN REVOLUTION TECHNOLOGYM

3. PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE EXPERTS TO BE CONVENED LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER, 1975. IF EXPERTS RECOMMEND CONDUCT OF NEW FOLLOW-UP SURVEY TO BANK'S 1968-69 ASIAN AGRICULTURAL SURVEY, ADB MANAGE-MENT WOULD LATER SUBMIT FOR BOARD APPROVAL DETAILED PROPOSAL INCLUDING PROJECTED FUNDINV, STAFFING, SCOPE OF WORK, ETC.

4. PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE INITIAL STEP BY BANK TO CONDUCT UPDATE OF BANK'S SEMINAL ASIAN AGRICULTURAL SURVEY PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 1970. ORIGINAL STUDY TOOK AS FOCUS ISSUES SURROUNDING MODERNIZATION OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURE THROUGH APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD GENERATE SUBSTANTIAL AND SUSTAINED RATES OF OUTPUT GROWTH. 1968 SURVEY TEAM FOUND NEED TO FIRST ALTER TECHNICAL BASE OF TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE; NEED TO INTRODUCE CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS AND PLANT PROTECTION MATERIALS.

5. ON BASIS SURVEY FINDINGS, BANK HAS REFLECTED IN ITS REGIONAL LENDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN SURVEYM ACCORDINGLY, BANK'S AG DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS HAVE EMPHASIZED SMALL AND MEDIUM-SCALE IRRIGATION PROJECTS, NON-IRRIGATED LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT, PRODUCT PROCESSING AND MARKETING, FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS.

6. HOWEVER, ORIGINAL SURVEY TEAM RECOMMENDED PERIODIC

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UPDATING. BANK BELIEVES WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE
ALREADY ACCUMULATED WITH GREEN REVOLUTION TECHNOLOGY,
PERSISTENCE OF RURAL POVERTY AND FAILURE OF HIGH
EXPECTATIONS OF NEW SEED VARIETIES AND FERTILIZERS
TO VE FULLY REALIZED; REVIEW OF BANK'S GENERAL
ORIENTATION AG DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IS NOW TIMELY.

7. RATHER THAN AREA EXTENSIVE, STATISTICAL EMPHASIS
OF ORIGINAL STUDY, BANK PROPOSES NEW SURVEY SHOULD
ANALYZE INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS, INTERSECTORAL
LINKS AND INTERDEPENDENCE AGRICULTURE WITH OTHER
ECONOMIC SECTORS; SUCCESS AND FAILURE OF AG TECHNOLOGY
SHOULD BE EXAMINED TO OVERCOME PAST DEFICIENCIES.

8. BANK MANAGEMENT PROPOSES TO INVITE REPEAT
INVITE EIGHT TO TEN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN EXPERTS IN
FIELDS OF AG DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMICS, AG AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PLUS INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL
DISCIPLINES TO ATTEND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AT BANK LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER.

9. COMMITTEE WOULD VIEW PRESENT SITUATION, FORMULATE
TERMS OF REFERENCE, RECOMMEND APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY
FOR NEW SURVEY, IDENTIFY MAIN TOPICS FOR INQUIRY.
DEPENDING UPON COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONN BANK MANAGE-
MENT MAY LATER BRING DETAILED PROPOSAL (PHASE II) TO
CONDUCT NEW SURVEY TO BOARD FOR APPROVAL, TOTAL COST
OF SURVEY PLUS PRINTING OF REPORT MAY BE IN $400,000
RANGE.

10. PROPOSED GRANT TO FINANCE PHASE I CONVENING
OF COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE HONORARIA, PER DIEM,
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AND
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CONTINGENCIES.

1. UNDER BANK'S PROCEDURES, PRESIDENT CAN APPROVE
TA UP TO $50,000 WITHOUT PRIOR BD APPROVAL, BUT
IN VOEW OFPOSSIBILITY MORE COSTLY SECOND PHASE,
PRESIDENT CHOSE TO SEEK BD APPROVAL FOR INITIAL
PHASEM USADB SUPPORTS PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDS
FAVORABLE NAC ACTION.

12. FOR BANGKOK: ASSUME ABOVE INFORMATION CLARIFIES
QUESTIONS RAISED PARA. 3 REFTEL.
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